

A (Moose) Jaw-Dropping HEEP Success

Stop #2 on the 2010 SaskEnergy Home Energy Efficiency Project (HEEP) found our road crew stationed in Moose Jaw, the only urban centre on the 2010 HEEP calendar. On September 29, SaskEnergy employees, SIAST students/faculty and representatives from the Salvation Army, SaskEnergy Network Members and the City of Moose Jaw took part in another very successful project day.



Several of the Moose Jaw HEEP volunteers pose in front of the project day media house.

The volunteers' day started bright and early at the Macoun Lounge, SIAST Palliser Campus, where Warren Michelson, MLA - Moose Jaw North, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy, the Honourable Dustin Duncan. Michelson was followed by appreciative speeches from His Worship, Glenn Hagel, Mayor of Moose Jaw, and a few closing words from Major Don Law of The Salvation Army and Peter Lapointe, SIAST Campus Director .



September 29th, 2010 is proclaimed "Home Energy Efficiency Project Day" in Moose Jaw. (L-R) Front - Karen Smith, SaskEnergy Customer Service Supervisor, Glenn Hagel, Mayor of Moose Jaw, Major Marg Foley of the Salvation Army; Back - Hailey Miller and Aaron Obgt, SIAST volunteers.

Then it was off to work! Fifteen teams consisting of four volunteers from various organizations joined forces to take care of the weather stripping and general upgrade duties, while SaskEnergy Network Members installed the homeowners' programmable thermostats

"It started in 2005 at Moose Jaw and seems fitting that it should end in 2010 in Moose Jaw. I'm talking about the Home Energy Efficiency Project!" says Karen Smith, SaskEnergy Customer Service Supervisor. "This year was another very successful one, thanks to all the volunteers -- what a swell bunch of folks!" she adds.

Smith noted everyone's enthusiasm and all the fun teams had while helping out homeowners. Summing up the day, she likened it to the planning of a family event: "HEEP is like Christmas dinner. It takes a while to prepare for, then, before you know it, it's over!"



Two very energetic SIAST students give their assessment of the day.

A total of 80 volunteers took part in the day and their efforts will help 63 homeowners in Moose Jaw save up to \$100 on their respective energy bills this upcoming winter.